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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action in paragraph 6.
2. The attached draft has been cleared by State Department (Ed Kretzmann) and by USIA (Halsema).
3. State and USIA concur in the following:
 - page 10: phrase seems to be missing here, possibly "In view of ..."?
 - page 14: add "industrialized" to read that USSR is "second largest industrialized economy"; (as distinguished from "agricultural" economy, for example)
 - page 16: Soviet economy "geared largely to economic growth", should be strengthened to mean growth for military purposes, as against growth for improved standard of living.
 - page 17: Soviets have "little interest" in having their people travel; too weak, might be strengthened, they have "no" interest, etc.
 - page 21: part of sentence seems to be missing
 - page 21: last line: prediction "unrealistic" rather than "untenable"?, see next sentence, on page 22
 - page 24: top: suggest strengthening this passage on comparative standards of living, by adding "...and this is often overlooked..."
 - page 30: "on the strength of..." rather than "on the face of..."
 - page 33: question metaphor, "fragile" parliamentary systems are "fertile" ground; instead of "fertile", say "easy targets..."?
4. Both Kretzmann and Halsema praised the speech as an excellent one and each believes that the statement about balance of military strength, U.S. and USSR, will have an excellent effect in the United States and abroad. USIA believes that this speech in foreign countries will have the effect of disillusioning some of the neutralist groups when they realize that the Soviet economic progress is at the expense of the standard of living and is for military preparedness.

5. USIA would like copies of the speech as soon as possible so that they may get it all ready to beam overseas at the time of delivery.
6. RECOMMENDATION: That the changes recommended by State and USIA be adopted.

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cc: DDCI (w/o attach.)